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SUBJ: SECURITY OF AMERICAN PERSONNEL FOLLOWING ATTEMPT

ON BULENT ECEVIT

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1. ON JULY 29, 1976 RSO VISITED MR. VURAL YENER, CHIEF, FIRST SECTION, TURKISH NATIONAL POLICE (TNP), ISTANBUL, TO INQUIRE IF ATTEMPT ON ECEVIT'S LIFE COULD HAVE ANY IMPACT ON SECURITY OF AMERICAN PERSONNEL IN ISTANBUL. MR. YENER STATED THAT HE HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH TURKISH INTELLIGENCE AND OTHER AGENCIES AND THEY HAD NO INFORMATION OR BELIEF THAT ATTEMPT WOULD HAVE ANY EFFECT ON SECURITY OF AMERICAN PERSONNEL. HE STATED THAT TNP HAD TAKEN ADDITIONAL SECURITY PRECAUTIONS FOR GREEK CONSUL GENERAL IN ISTANBUL AND FOR GREEK CHURCHES. HE SAID THAT FEELING WAS RUNNING VERY HIGH AGAINST GREEKS AND CALLED ATTEMPT A "STUPID THING BY STUPID PEOPLE WHO FEEL THAT THEY CAN SETTLE EVERYTHING BY KILLING SOMEONE".

2. YENER AGAIN SAID THAT HE AND HIS CONNECTIONS FELT THAT THERE WAS NO DANGER TO THE AMERICANS BECAUSE OF THE INCIDENT. YENER STATED THAT HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH TURKISH POLICE AND GOVERNMENT

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OFFICIALS CONFIRMS THIS. EVERYONE, IN HIS WORDS, "IS EXTREMELY

PLEASED AND HAPPY WITH PROTECTION GIVEN ECEVIT BY USG AND MANNER IN WHICH ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION WAS HANDLED BY SECURITY PEOPLE". HE ADDED, APPARENTLY SPECULATING, THAT HE WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF YOUNG MAN WHO JUMPED ASSAILANT WAS NOT INVITED TO TURKEY AND TREATED AS A KING.

3. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION BY RSO, YENER SAID THAT HE DID NOT FEEL THAT AMERICANS WOULD SUFFER JUST BECAUSE THE INCIDENT TOOK PLACE IN US. HE STATED THAT THINGS LIKE THIS ARE TO BE EXPECTED AND THAT IS WHY PROTECTION IS REQUESTED AND PROVIDED. YENER EXPRESSED HIS PERSONAL APPRECIATION FOR PERFORMANCE OF SECURITY OFFICERS AND SAID THAT TURKISH PEOPLE SEEMED VERY PLEASED ALSO. FYI: TURKISH PEOPLE AND OFFICIALS ARE USUALLY IMPRESSED BY SHOW OF POLICE FORCE. TURKISH TELEVISION CARRIED NEWS CLIPS OF DEMONSTRATIONS OUTSIDE HOTEL AND EVENTS AFTER ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION, IN ADDITION OT SHOWING DEMONSTRATIONS, FOCUSED ON NY POLICE DEPARTMENTS USE OF HORSES AND CLUBS TO KEEP ORDER OUTSIDE AND LARGE CONTINGENT OF NYPD SURROUNDING CAPTURE OF ASSAILANT. POLICE ARE CONSIDERED AGENTS OF STATE AND ANY LARGE SHOW OF FORCE BY POLIC TENDS INDICATE TO TURKISH PEOPLE THAT NECESSARY ACTION IS BEING TAKEN. END FYI.

4. DURING DISCUSSION YENER SOLICITED ASSISTANCE OF RSO IN OBTAINING WRITTEN MATERIALS OF RILM IN FOLLOWING AREAS:

- A. PERSONNEL PROTECTION SECURITY TECHNIQUES.
- B. PAST ASSASSINATION ATTEMPTS AND ANY COMMENTS ABOUT WHAT WAS DONE RIGHT AND WRONG BY SECURITY PEOPLE.
- C. RIOT/CROWD CONTROL TECHNIQUES.

YENER WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN PROTECTIVE SECURITY TECHNIQUES EMPLOYED BY DEPARTMENT.

5. SINCE PROTECTIVE SECURITY FUNCTION IS RESPONSIBILITY OF YENER,

WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT PROVIDING CONGEN WITH NECESSARY GUIDLINES AS TO WHAT INFORMATION MAY OR MAY NOT BE PASSED TO YENER ON PROTECTIVE SECURITY TECHNIQUES. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING INFORMATION/FILMS ON ASSASSINATION ATTEMPTS AND RIOT/CROWD CONTROL TECHNIQUES.
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6. BELIEVE WE SHOULD PROVIDE AS MUCH MATERIAL AS WE POSSBILY CAN CONSISTENT WITH SECURITY REQUIREMENTS SINCE THIS WILL DEEPEN OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH TURKISH AUTHORITIES AND HOEFULLY UPGRADE THEIR SECURITY FORCE.
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